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| In re Patent Application of        | ) | <b>MAIL STOP 16</b>        |
| Anette Buschka et al.              | ) |                            |
| Application No.: <u>09/870,517</u> | ) | Group Art Unit: 1771       |
| Filed: June 1, 2001                | ) | Examiner: ELIZABETH M COLE |
| For: TEXTILE FIBRE REINFORCED      | ) | Confirmation No.: 9594     |
| ABSORBENT MATERIAL                 | ) |                            |
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On February 27, 2006, Appellants filed an Appeal Brief together with the requisite fee of \$500.00. On October 10, 2006, a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was issued by the Office. On October 11, 2006, Appellants filed a Substitute Appeal Brief in response to this Notice. For convenience, a copy of the cover page is attached, from which it can be seen that the appeal fee of \$500.00 was previously submitted (on February 27, 2006) and thus not necessary to be paid with the filing of the Substitute Appeal Brief.

However, on October 12, 2006, Appellants' Deposit Account was charged \$500.00 for "filing a brief in support of an appeal," which fee had previously been paid.

It is therefore respectfully requested that a refund in the amount of \$500.00 be credited to Appellants Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

If any questions arise in connection with this request, please contact the undersigned directly at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Anette BUSCHKA et al.           | ) | <b>APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS</b> |
| Application No.: 09/870,517     | ) | Group Art Unit: 1771          |
| Filed: June 1, 2001             | ) | Examiner: Elizabeth Cole      |
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**SUBSTITUTE APPEAL BRIEF**

**Mail Stop APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS**

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Sir:

In accordance with the Board's "Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner" mailed September 28, 2006, Appellants submit the attached Substitute Appeal Brief.

This appeal is from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated September 27, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-36, which are reproduced as the Claims Appendix of this brief.

The \$500.00 Appeal Brief Fee was previously submitted with the Appeal Brief filed February 27, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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